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Majority prices were higher in the East and Midwest with a fully steady to firm trade sentiment; prices in the West were unchanged under a steady market tone. Retail and food service demand over the weekend was fair to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared and moving at premium levels. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Wings were balanced to tight and clearing, and dark meat was sufficient. Breast items were adequate with boneless skinless breasts less available in some areas. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 03-JAN-2005 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New Eng	71.00-72.00	71.69	16	69.21	38
Chicago	61.00-64.00	64.87	43	65.93	75
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			67.13	26
Denver	78.50	78.50	12	77.79	14
Detroit	63.00-65.00	65.18	11	68.37	52
Los Angeles	79.00	77.64	64	73.21	162
New York	68.00-71.00	69.22	23	67.90	51
Philadelphia	67.50-69.00	68.45	11	66.34	22
Pittsburgh	68.00-70.00	69.09	11	69.98	58
St. Louis	64.00-64.25	63.75	22	64.48	46
San Francisco	79.50	79.19	32	78.27	74

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	01/03/05	Change/Last Wk	12/27/04	01/05/04
618	69.98	1.86	68.12	65.75

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	66.00-68.00	67.80	36
Central	61.00-69.00	68.28	65
Western	60.00-74.00	71.30	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	71.49	90

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,101	61.00-75.25	72.34

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	161.50	1,416
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	5,540
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	1,485
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.00	974
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,377
WINGS	106.00	2,918

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fairly good to good following the holiday weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was mostly firm. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance to short. Other items were generally adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Post-holiday demand was fair to moderate with floor stocks being refilled and market conditions monitored. Supplies were in balance to well cleared and moving. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate, best for active retail ads and fast food promotions. Wings were tight and sought, dark meat was sufficient to at times close, and breast items were in good balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last week. Trading reported on this week deliveries at generally unchanged prices. Offerings in fair balance with sized product confidently held. Buying activity had improved. Retailer demand fair to fairly good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings with balance of parts about steady. Trading reported for this week's delivery: leg quarters 29.5-32 bulk and 4/10s mainly 32, boneless leg meat 72-74, boneless thigh meat 73-79, breast bone-in 76-85 and boneless 120-130, wings 113.5-117. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 61.41 down .11 with the volume reported unchanged at 27 loads, from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were 3 cents higher from last Monday's final prices; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offers continue light for the limited buyers needs. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with fast food activity noted as fairly good over the holiday weekend. Floor stocks were adequate to closely balanced. Weights mostly desirable to instances heavier than desired. Supplies on boneless skinless breast and wings tight, adequate for balance of items. Trade sentiment firm on wings, fully steady on leg items and steady to fully steady on breast items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as good. Seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared, particularly on the heavier weight sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to a bit heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, supplies were fully sufficient for immediate needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	62-87
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	73.59
NO. OF BOXES	8,335

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate as dealers attempted to assess market conditions following the holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were generally sufficient for trade needs. Wings were in very good balance and well cleared. Thighs and boneless thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Leg and leg quarters were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm on wings; fully steady on thighs and boneless thighs. Other items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		135	125.14	794,760
TENDERLOINS		110	111.09	50,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69		75.80	94,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	68		68.71	109,320
LEGS	42-43		39.27	288,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29		29.17	223,137
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		35.25	70,800
THIGHS	28-29		42.14	75,080
B/S THIGHS	82-83		80.17	50,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	108-109		121.68	114,080
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.99	20,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		29.44	18,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65		64.61	19,840

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,408	115.00-198.00	116-122	124.82
TENDERLOINS	345	104.00-173.00	107-110	109.60
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	647	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.66
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,169	27.00-31.00	27	27.44
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,361	24.00-42.00	24	24.19

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	01/03	12/30	12/30	12/27	12/23
Alabama	4,115	3,879	5.04	4,061	4.80
Arkansas	5,095	4,745	4.99	4,646	4.61
Delmarva	2,274	2,198	5.64	1,920	5.62
KY-LA-TN	2,193	1,985	4.92	2,148	5.32
Mississippi	2,943	2,035	5.50	3,067	5.48
North Carolina	2,391	2,420	6.48	1,975	6.55
Texas	2,352	2,390	5.03	2,428	5.26
Total	21,363	19,652	5.31	20,245	5.32
Mon	21,363 (A)			20,245 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jan 2004 is estimated to be 31,961,000 up 5.20 percent from a week ago, and up 1.4 percent from a year ago.

(last week 30,380,000 last year 31,518,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	656	120.00-150.00	120-125	124.44
TENDERLOINS	243	105.00-170.00	115-120	116.19
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	69.00-75.00	69-71	70.49
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	67	32.00-49.00	33-34	33.78
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	26-27	26.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	837	27.00-34.00	28-29	28.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	298	97.00-113.00	109-112	108.95
WINGS (CUT)	480	123.00-132.00	125-127	126.18
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 03, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.00 - 47.00	43.89	43.23

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 03-JAN-2005 TO 07-JAN-2005, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	119.00 - 134.00	124.00 - 134.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	64.00 - 91.00	68.00 - 78.00
LEGS	37.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	22.00 - 37.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	109.00 - 120.00	111.00 - 114.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	85.75-97.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89.25-101.25

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-71

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-108
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	103-105
	DRY PACK
	111
	ICE PACK
HENS OVER 5#	108-111
	DRY PACK
	89-95
	ICE PACK
DUCKS	89-93
	175-192

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 30, 2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		18.50	18.75-22.00	568,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE		18.50	20.56		
15-20%					
RANGE		16.00-22.00	14.00-20.00	2,445,000	1,365,000
WTD AVERAGE		19.73	17.48		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	17.50	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE			17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15.25	11-13	11.70
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 30, 2004

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	19.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE			19.00		
15-20%					
RANGE		13.75-18.00	13.00-18.00	2,638,800	2,006,400
WTD AVERAGE		16.39	14.27		
20% OR MORE					
RANGE		-	14.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales had slowed. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-JAN-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.75-15	10-11.5	11.04

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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